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RE EMBTEL 1072, NOVEMBER 20.

VON BRENTANO CALLED BRITISH AMBASSADOR, FRENCH CHARGE AND  
ME FOREIGN OFFICE TO GIVE US SUMMARY TALK BETWEEN ADENAUER-  
SMIRNOV THIS MORNING AT WHICH BRENTANO ALSO PRESENT.

READING FROM PREPARED STATEMENT SMIRNOV SAID SOVIET GOVERNMENT  
ATTACHES IMPORTANCE TO INFORMING FEDERAL GOVERNMENT THAT IN  
VERY NEAR FUTURE IT WILL NOTIFY US, UK AND FRANCE IT GOING TO  
ABOLISH "OCCUPATION STATUTE" FOR BERLIN. (SMIRNOV DID NOT REFER  
TO FOUR POWER AGREEMENTS ON BERLIN, NOR DID HE SAY THAT RESPON-  
SIBILITIES INCURRED UNDER SUCH AGREEMENTS WOULD BE TRANSFERRED  
TO GDR.) IT BELIEF SOV THAT ALL GOVERNMENTS INCLUDING FEDREP WOULD  
WELCOME ABOLITION OCCUPATION STATUTE AS CONTRIBUTING TO RELAXATION  
OF TENSION. SMIRNOV IGNORED BRENTANO'S COMMENT THAT THERE  
NO "OCCUPATION STATUTE" BUT RATHER FOUR POWER AGREEMENT AND  
CONTINUED THAT ABOLITION OF STATUTE NECESSARY AS IT NO LONGER  
CORRESPONDS TO PRESENT SITUATION BERLIN, HAS ALREADY BEEN  
VIOLATED BY WESTERN POWERS AND IS NOT COMPATIBLE WITH GOVERNMENT  
GDR.

ADENAUER THEN STATED EMPHATICALLY THAT ACTION PROPOSED BY SOVIETS  
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WOULD NOT (REPEAT NOT) CONTRIBUTE TO RELAXATION OF TENSION, BUT ON CONTRARY HEIGHTEN IT. HE ASKED SMIRNOV TELL SOV GOVT THAT TO TAKE STEP AT VERY MOMENT WHEN GENEVA TALKS IN PROGRESS WOULD BE "VERY DANGEROUS". HE ALSO FELT REACTION THREE WESTERN POWERS WOULD BE NEGATIVE, MOVE WOULD BE ADVERSELY RECEIVED GER PUBLIC, AND WOULD UNDOUBTEDLY LEAD TO FURTHER DETERIORATION GER-SOV RELATIONS. SMIRNOV DID NOT REPLY DIRECTLY ADENAUER COMMENTS OTHER THAN ADMIT SOV-GER RELATIONS HAD NOT DEVELOPED AS SATISFACTORILY AS RUSSIANS HAD HOPE. THIS DUE TO VARIOUS FACTORS HE SAID, IN PARTICULAR ARMAMENT OF BUNDESWEHR.

BRENTANO CALLED ATTENTION TO FACT THAT GER-SOV TRADE AGREEMENT RECENTLY SIGNED AND DUE FOR RATIFICATION IN NEAR FUTURE, AND CULTURAL AGREEMENT NEARING COMPLETION. SMIRNOV ANSWERED THIS TRUE BUT STILL FED REP ENGAGED ATOMIC RE-ARMAMENT. ADENAUER REPLIED THAT SUCH ARMAMENT HAS NOT YET STARTED. INTERVIEW ENDED THAT NOTE. (SMIRNOV LEFT NO REPEAT NO PAPERS.)

DISCUSSION AMONG BRENTANO AND REPRESENTATIVES THREE POWERS WHICH FOLLOWED BRENTANO'S REPORT SMIRNOV MEETING REPORTED IN EMBTEL 1083.

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